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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S APRIL 8 SPEECH ON LAW OF SEA AND NEW U.S.
PROPOSALS: QATARI VIEWS

REF: (A) STATE 84997, (B) STATE 85109

1. ON APRIL 10 AMBASSADOR MADE PRESENTATION BASED ON REF B
AND GAVE COPY OF SECY'S LOS SPEECH TO DR. HASSAN KAMEL, AMIR
OF QATAR'S SENIOR POLITICAL/DIPLOMATIC/LEGAL ADVISER. KAMEL
IS ONLY PERSON IN GOQ HIERARCHY WHO IS KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT LOS
ISSUES, AND HE WILL BE PERSON TO WHOM GOQ TURNS FIRST AND LAST
FOR ADVICE AND GUIDANCE. AS MATTER OF FORM, WE WILL PROVIDE
COPIES OF SPEECH TO AMIR AND FOREIGN MINISTER AS WELL.
2. KAMEL AGREED COMPLETELY ON URGENCY OF PRESSING FOR CONCLUSION
OF LOS TREATY THIS YEAR, LEST OPPORTUNITY BE LOST. HE PRAISED
SECY'S EMPHASIS ON GLOBAL INTERDEPENDENCE THEME. HE SAID
SECY WAS FIRST MAJOR POWER SPOKESMAN TO ARTICULATE THIS THEME
PERSUASIVELY AND FORCEFULLY, WITH THE IMPLIED RECOGNITION THAT
THE DAYS WHEN A HANDFUL OF POWERFUL COUNTRIES COULD IMPOSE
THEIR

WILL ON THE INTERNATITKAL COMMUNITY WERE OVER. KAMEL NOTED
THAT QATAR, AS A COASTAL STATE, HAD VITAL INTEREST IN SUCCESSFUL
INTERNATIONAL REGIME FOR THE OCEANS.

3. RE SPECIFIC NEW US PROPOSALS, KAMEL HAD NO COMMENT TO
MAKE ON THOSE RELATED TO MARINE SCIENCE RESEARCH. ON DISPUTE
SETTLEMENT MECHANISM, HE CONCURRED THAT COMPLEXITY OF LOS
TREATY DEMANDED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TNUBUNAL WHICH WOULD
HAVE BINDING AUTHORITY TO SETTLE DISPUTES. ON DEEP SEABED
REGIME, ALTHOUGH KAMEL LISTENED CAREFULLY TO US PROPOSALS,
HE APPEARED TO LEAN DECISIVELY TOWARD ALL-POWERFUL INTERNATIONAL
AUTHORITY.

4. KAMEL SAID THAT HE WOULD BRING SECY'S SPEECH, AND SPECIFICALLY
US PROPOSALS, TO IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF THE AMIR. HE COMMENTED
THAT HIS

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*Qatar
Reaction to
Kissinger Speech*

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STATED THAT HE WOULD STUDY SECY'S SPEECH CAREFULLY AND THERE-
AFTER AND AS LOS CONFERENCE PROGRESSED WE WOULD BE IN TOUCH
FURTHER. PAGANELLI

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